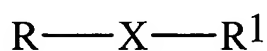


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-25 and add new claims 26-27 as follows:

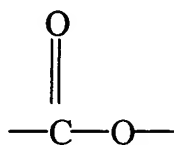
1. (Currently Amended) A method of use comprising ~~Use of~~ a compound of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a polyester polymer:



(1)

wherein: R and R¹ represent hydrocarbon moieties, each hydrocarbon moiety comprising 1 to 34 carbon atoms and wherein R and/or R¹ may be linear, branched chain, saturated or contain one or more double bonds and ~~wherein, and wherein~~

X represents:



2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 comprising using the ~~Use of a~~ compound of general Formula 1 as ~~[[a]]~~ the slip agent in the polyester polymer, wherein the polyester polymer comprises a PET polymer, ~~as claimed in Claim 1~~ wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 16 and more preferably greater than 22.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of use ~~Use of a composition compound~~ of general Formula 1 as a slip agent as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 35.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of use ~~Use of a composition compound~~ of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a polymer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is between 36 and 44.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of use ~~Use of a composition compound~~ of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a PET polymer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the ~~composition compound~~ of general Formula 1 is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of stearate, stearyl behenate and behenyl behenate, ethylene glycol distearate, ethyl behenate, behenyl acetate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmate or mixtures thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of use ~~Use of a composition compound~~ of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a polyester polymer as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the [[PET]] polymer is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of: [[-]]

poly(butylenes terephthalate)

poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)

poly(ethylene isophthalate)

poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)

poly(ethylene phthalate)

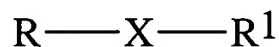
poly(ethylene terephthalate)

and co-polymers thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of use~~ Use of a ~~composition compound~~ of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a [[PET]] polymer according to Claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises PET polymer, wherein said ~~composition compound~~ of general Formula 1 is present in said PET polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of use~~ Use of a ~~composition compound~~ of general Formula 1 as a slip agent in a [[PET]] polymer according to Claim 1, wherein said polymer comprises PET polymer, wherein said ~~composition compound~~ is present in said PET polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

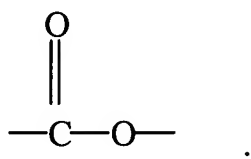
9. (Currently Amended) A polyester polymer incorporating one or more slip agents of general Formula 1:



(1)

wherein[[:]] R and R¹ represent hydrocarbon moieties, each hydrocarbon moiety comprising 1 to 34 carbon atoms and wherein R and/or R¹ may be linear, branched chain, saturated or contain one or more double bonds; and wherein

X represents:



10. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, incorporating one or more slip agents of general Formula 1 wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 16 and more preferably greater than 22.

11. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 35.

12. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is between 23 and 44.

13. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, incorporating one more slip agents of general Formula 1 wherein the ~~composition~~ compound is selected from the group

~~comprising~~ consisting of stearyl stearate, stearyl behenate, behenyl behenate, ethylene glycol distearate, ethyl behenate, behenyl acetate, palmityl myristate, palmityl palmate or mixtures thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, ~~inclusive~~ wherein said polymer is selected from the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of: [[-]]

poly(butylenes terephthalate)

poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)

poly(ethylene isophthalate)

poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)

poly(ethylene phthalate)

poly(ethylene terephthalate)

and ~~co-polymer~~ co-polymers thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, ~~inclusive~~ incorporating one or more slip agents of general Formula 1 wherein said slip agent(s) are present in said polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

16. (Currently Amended) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, wherein said slip agent(s) are present in said polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a polyester polymer to increase the slip of said polymer, said method comprising incorporating into said polymer a ~~composition~~ compound of general Formula 1 as defined in Claim 9.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a polymer as claimed in claim 19, wherein said polymer is selected from [[a]] the group comprising consisting of: [[-]]

poly(butylenes terephthalate)

poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)

poly(ethylene isophthalate)

poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)

poly(ethylene phthalate)

poly(ethylene terephthalate)

~~or co-polymer~~ and co-polymers thereof.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 17, wherein said ~~composition~~ compound of general Formula 1 is present in said polymer in an amount of between 0.1% to 1.0% wt/wt.

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 17, wherein said ~~composition~~ compound of general Formula 1 is present in said polymer in an amount of between 0.2% to 0.75% wt/wt.

21. (Original) A container made from a polymer as claimed in Claim 9.

22. (Currently Amended) A container as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said container is formed from a polymer selected from [[a]] the group comprising consisting of:[[-]]

poly(butylenes terephthalate)

poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)

poly(ethylene isophthalate)

poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)

poly(ethylene phthalate)

poly(ethylene terephthalate)

~~or co-polymer~~ and co-polymers thereof.

23. (Original) A film made from a polymer as claimed in Claim 9.

24. (Currently Amended) A film as claimed in Claim 23, wherein said film is formed from a polymer selected from [[a]] the group comprising consisting of:[[-]]

poly(butylenes terephthalate)

poly(cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate)

poly(ethylene isophthalate)

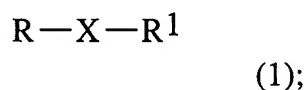
poly(ethylene 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)

poly(ethylene phthalate)

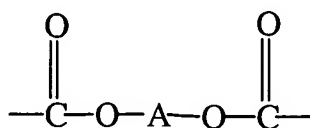
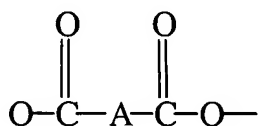
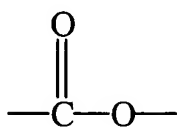
poly(ethylene terephthalate)

~~or co-polymer~~ and co-polymers thereof.

25. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a copolymer of a polyester and a compound of general Formula 1;



wherein[[:]] R and R¹ represent hydrocarbon moieties, each hydrocarbon moiety comprising 1 to 34 carbon atoms and R and/or [[R1]] R¹ may be linear, branched chain, saturated or contained one or more double bonds; and wherein X represents one of the moieties:



wherein A represents a hydrocarbon moiety comprising 2 to 36 carbon atoms and may be linear, branched chain, saturated or contain one more double bonds.

26. (New) The method of Claim 1, comprising using the compound of general Formula 1 as the slip agent in the polyester polymer, wherein the polyester polymer comprises a PET polymer, wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 22.

27. (New) A polymer as claimed in Claim 9, incorporating one or more slip agents of general Formula 1 wherein the total number of carbon atoms in R, R¹ and X is greater than 22.